

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 26, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the specification and claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. The amendments are merely clarifying and Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been entered.

The Office Action objected to the disclosure as not including necessary information in the Cross Reference to Related Applications section. Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification to include the patent number of the issued patent for the cited 09/892,850 application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 71, 81, 84 and 97 were objected to because of minor informalities in those claims. Applicants have amended those claims to remove the alleged points of indefiniteness. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 71-140 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-70 of U.S. Patent no. 6,714,026. In response, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, disclaiming any portion of the term of a patent issuing from the instant application that would extend beyond the term of the parent application, U.S. Patent no. 6,714,026. Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection is now moot.

As such, it is submitted that each of claims 71-140 recite subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 71-140 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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